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AMINO ACID USING BACTERIA  
BELONGING TO THE GENUS  
ESCHERICHIA

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 10, 2006, which set a 3-month shortened statutory period for response thereto, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 5.

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